

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 239-272 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-238 were previously canceled without prejudice. Applicant hereby cancels claims 239-272, and submits new claims 273-299 for consideration. Applicant respectfully requests re-examination and re-consideration of pending claims 273-299.

I. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Submitted

Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and corresponding fee. This response represents the necessary submission required to accompany such a request. In view of the concurrent RCE filing, Applicant submits that the final status of the present office action should be vacated.

II. Claims 239-272 Canceled, New Claims 273-299 Submitted

The Examiner has rejected claims 239-272 in the current action. Applicant has canceled claims 239-272, rendering the Examiner's current rejections moot.

With this response, Applicant submits new claims 273-299 for consideration and examination. Applicant submits that new claims 273-299 are supported by the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed, and that no new matter is presented.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. The present application is therefore in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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